

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Legislative Session**  
**January 11, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cohn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Ave., Wilkinsburg, PA.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Council members present were: Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore (via telephone connection), Ms. Goodman, Ms. Macklin and President Cohn. Also present were Mayor John Thompson, Marla P. Marcinko, Borough Manager and Mike Witherel, Borough Solicitor. Vice President McCarthy-Johnson was absent. A quorum was established.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President McCarthy-Johnson arrived at approximately 7:03 p.m.

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**Ordinance No. 2885**

**Establishing a Handicap Parking Space – 1834 Laketon Rd.**

**Moved:** Ms. Ervin

**Second by:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Yes:** Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, President Cohn

**Motion carried**

**Ordinance No. 2886**

**Establishing a Handicap Parking Space – 206 Center Street**

**Moved:** Ms. Evans

**Second by:** Ms. Ervin

**Yes:** Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, President Cohn

**Motion carried**

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**Ordinance No. 2887  
Removing Handicap Parking Spaces.**

**Moved:** Ms. Evans

**Second by:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Yes:** Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, President Cohn

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**12-003**

**Approving the Borough Council meeting minutes of December 7 and December 21, 2011.**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second by:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

Ms. Macklin requested an amendment to the minutes for December 7, 2011, end of first paragraph on page two (2) to read "that a tree on private abandoned property is falling onto a home". She asked to correct page three, first paragraph; second sentence from the end to read "new to her and had not been past practice". Ms. Marcinko clarified her review and correction process for minutes. Ms. Macklin requested a correction to page four (4) to include the word "process". Ms. Macklin referred to the beginning of the same paragraph that begins with "Ms. Evans attended PHLF and Tri-State Capital meeting regarding the Penn-Lincoln..." Ms. Macklin asked if Ms. Evans attended that meeting as a Council member or as Executive Director of WCDC. Ms. Evans commented that she will clarify this in the future. Ms. Macklin asked for a correction to the minutes of Dec. 21, 2011 page two, first paragraph which currently reads "not in favor if final approval with rests with the WCACDC". Ms. Marcinko deferred to the Borough Solicitor and suggested the motion should be changed to reflect the requested amendments.

Mr. Lefebvre and Ms. McCarthy-Johnson amended their motion and second, respectively, to approve the Borough Council meeting minutes of December 7 and December 21, 2011 to reflect the amendments requested by Councilwoman Macklin provided it is confirmed that the audio tape recording contains those requested changes.

**Yes:** Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, President Cohn.

**Motion carried**

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**12-004**

**Approving December Checks Issued in the amounts as follows:**

Regular Distributions 12/01/11 – 12/31/11	\$ 202,402.83
Payroll Disbursements	\$ 253,888.00
Voided Checks	\$ ( -0- )
 Total	 \$ 456,290.83

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second by:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**Yes:** Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Evans,  
President Cohn

**No:** Ms. Macklin, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Trice

**Motion carried 6:3**

**12-005**

**Sponsoring a banner for Wilkinsburg Baseball Association registration.**

**Moved:** Ms. Evans

**Second by:** Ms. Trice

Discussion ensued regarding the length of time to permit the banner to be in place and the fact that it is limited to 2 weeks based upon prior discussion and consensus of Council. Ms. Macklin requested a friendly amendment to the motion to allow it to remain in place for (4) weeks or thirty (30) days. Ms. Evans did not accept the friendly amendment to her motion.

A motion was made by Ms. Evans, second by Ms. Ervin, to table the motion approving Resolution 12-005.

**Yes:** Ms. Trice, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre,  
Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, President Cohn

**No:** Ms. Moore

**Motion carried 8:1**

A motion was made by Ms. Goodman, second by Ms. Macklin; to extend the time for banner advertisement from two to three weeks from the date of placement to the date the banner is removed.

**Yes:** Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr.

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Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, President Cohn

**Motion carried**

A motion was made by Ms. Evans, second by Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, to remove approving Resolution No. 12-005 from the table.

**Yes:** Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, President Cohn.

**Motion carried**

A motion was made by Ms. Evans, second by Ms. Trice, to sponsor a banner for the Wilkinsburg Baseball Association registration for a period of three weeks.

**Yes:** Ms. Trice, Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, President Cohn

**Motion carried**

Ms. Trice suggested putting the three week time limit on the application form.

President Cohn asked Ms. Macklin to contact the Wilkinsburg Baseball Association to see when they would like the banner to be placed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Vice President McCarthy-Johnson advised Council that the school district would be interested in referring students for the Junior Councilmember program following the completion of their standardized testing.

Ms. Evans requested Council authorize the Borough engineer to seek estimates for the repair of wiring to the decorative lamp posts in the business district. Ms. Marcinko advised that further information on this subject is being prepared for Council and she will be requesting action at the next meeting.

Ms. Macklin questioned whether the final budget adjustments were included in the final 2012 budget document. Ms. Marcinko advised that they had been.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion – Appointments to Boards & Commissions**

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President Cohn requested this item be included on the agenda for discussion. Discussion ensued on the process followed for making appointments to boards, authorities, commissions and committees. Ms. Marcinko advised that a notice had been prepared, advertising all "open" positions, and will appear in the January 12 and January 19 editions of the Pittsburgh Tribune Review east neighborhoods section. President Cohn recommended holding off on making any appointments until all interested candidates may be reviewed.

Mr. Lefebvre advised Council that water bills can be paid online at [www.wpjwa.com](http://www.wpjwa.com).

Ms. Goodman commented on proposed legislation preempting local rights relative to zoning and regulating gas well drilling in Marcellus Shale. She requested Council's support of a letter and resolution urging the General Assembly and Governor to reject proposed bills H.B. 1950 and S.B. 1100. Ms. Goodman read the proposed letter aloud.

A motion was made by Ms. Goodman, second by Ms. Evans, to approve Resolution No. 12-006 opposing House Bill 1950 and Senate Bill 1100.

**Yes:** Ms. Macklin, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Goodman, Ms. Moore, Ms. Trice, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Evans, Ms. Ervin, President Cohn

**Motion carried**

Mayor Thompson advised Council of the plans in process to celebrate Wilkinsburg's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mayor Thompson advised that all members of Council have been appointed to a committee. An email will be forthcoming describing roles and responsibilities. The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the WCDC offices.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, on motion by Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, second by Mr. Lefebvre, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

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Jason Cohn, Council President